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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - Authorities Find 15 People Inside Stash House

(U) Donna – More than a dozen people in the country illegally are in custody after a stash house bust. A tip led officers and Border Patrol agents to a house, according to San Juan Police Chief Juan Gonzalez. Inside, they found 15 people who reported they were being held against their will. Authorities also seized narcotics and weapons during the operation. Border Patrol continues investigating the case. SOURCE: 9 May 2018, KGRV

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Reissues Terror Threat Bulletin

(U) Washington — The Department of Homeland Security reissued its National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin, saying the US continued to face threats from homegrown terror and foreign violent extremists. The bulletin continued to warn that military success against terror groups abroad could encourage people in the US to plot attacks here rather than join groups overseas. In a statement accompanying yesterday's announcement, DHS said, "Terrorist groups continue to inspire, enable, and direct their followers to spread chaos using homemade weapons and by striking soft targets and crowded places."

SOURCE: 9 May 2018, CNN

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Requesting Additional Troops and Helicopters for Border

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security is asking the Pentagon for additional manpower and equipment to help secure the southern border, DOD and DHS officials said yesterday. DHS will request about 700 additional National Guardsmen plus helicopters and other equipment. Defense Secretary James Mattis is expected to review the request and respond to DHS today. This request is for assistance with Customs and Border Protection missions, like Air and Marine units, but not directly with Border Patrol. National Guard troops will not be carrying out law enforcement actions, according to DHS.

SOURCE: 9 May 2018, ABC News

(U) Nebraska – Deputies Find More Than \$500,000 Worth of Meth During Traffic Stop

(U) York County – Authorities confiscated over half a million dollars' worth of methamphetamine during a traffic stop yesterday afternoon. County Sheriff's Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, while conversing with the occupants of the vehicle, the deputy suspected illegal activity and asked the occupants consent to search. Both occupants consented to the search, and underneath the driver and passenger front seats, deputies located five packages of methamphetamine weighing a total of 12 pounds. The estimated street value of the drugs of \$520,000.

SOURCE: 9 May 2018, 1011 NOW

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(U) Virginia – MS-13 Gang Members Accused of Killing Man

(U) Woodbridge – Police arrested four MS-13 gang members for allegedly murdering a man, dumping his body in the trunk of his car, and setting it on fire. Manuel Enrique Robles Lopez, 21; Erick Alexander Contreras Navarro, 23; Denis Ludwin Espinal Alvares, 19; and a 17-year-old boy were arrested in March 2018. All four were charged in the murder of 25-year-old Santos Arquimidis Sorto Amaya. Investigators say Amaya was abducted by the gang members in front of his home on March 13. The victim was leaving for work when the incident occurred.

SOURCE: 9 May 2018, FOX 45

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Suspected ISIS Extremist Deported

(U) Berlin – German authorities have deported a suspected member of the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) to Tunisia, days after Germany's highest court rejected his appeal. The Hesse state Interior Minister says 37-year-old Haikel S., was handed over to authorities in his homeland yesterday. The man was arrested in 2017 on suspicion of being a recruiter and smuggler for ISIS and of planning an attack. Tunisia accused him of involvement in the 2015 attack on a Tunis museum and a 2016 attack on the border town of Ben Guerdane.

SOURCE: 9 May 2018, <u>Associated Press</u>

(U) Somalia – Suicide Bomber Strikes Market

(U) Mogadishu – A Somali official says a suicide bomber has killed at least 10 people at a crowded market in a southern town. The bomber, thought to be with the al-Qa'ida -linked al-Shabab extremist group, detonated a suicide vest at a market in Wanlaweyn. Fifteen other people were wounded in the attack. The official says most of the victims are civilians. There is no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast but the Somalia-based al-Shabab has carried out similar attacks in the region.

SOURCE: 9 May 2018, Associated Press

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